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At the Court at Windsor, Aug. 17. 1713.

PRESENT

The Queen's Most Excellent Majesty in Council.

HER Majesty in Council having this Day been pleased to deliver the Custody of the Privy-Seal to the Rt. Hon. William Earl of Dartmouth; his Lordship had the Oath of Keeper of the Privy-Seal administred to him, and accordingly took his Place at the Board.

The Right Hon. William Bromley, Esq; was by Her Majesty's Command sworn One of Her Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

His Grace the Duke of Northumberland was by Her Majesty's Command sworn of Her Majesty's most Hon. Privy-Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

The Rt. Hon. Sir John Stonehouse, Bar. was by Her Majesty's Command sworn of Her Majesty's most Hon. Privy-Council, and took his Place at the Board accordingly.

Berlin, August 12. *N. S.* Yesterday the King return'd from Weysterhausen to Potsdam. His Majesty having refused to furnish the Northern Allies with Artillery for the Sieges they intend to make in Pomerania, they have resolv'd to use that which was lately employ'd in Holstein, consisting of Sixty Pieces of Cannon. It arrived here two Days ago, and is to be carried on the Oder to the Muscovite Camp before Stetin. Count Flemming is still detain'd here by an Indisposition. Monsieur Lasse, who came hither some time ago from Dresden, being appointed by King Augustus to go with a Commission to the Czar, is accordingly set out towards Petersburg. There is a Ship lately arrived from that Place at Colberg, laden with several Sorts of Commodities, which the Czar sends to his Majesty to shew the progress that has been made in the Manufactures established there.

Hanover, August 15. *N. S.* This Morning the Duke of Wolfenbuttle arrived here, and intends to pass some Days with this Court, before he returns to Brunswick. Monsieur Oberg, one of the Elector's Privy Counsellor's, and Counsellor of the Treasury-Chamber, is lately dead after a long Sickness. They write from Holstein, that the King of Denmark being informed a Report hath been spread, that he is privately negotiating a Treaty of Peace with Sweden, hath sent Orders to his Ministers to declare, that there is not the least ground for such a Report, that he is resolved to continue united to the Czar and King Augustus, and will make no Peace but in conjunction with them. We have received advice, that the States of Sweden are call'd together, in order to deliberate upon the present Conjuncture of their Affairs, his Swedish Majesty having declar'd, that unless the Crown of Poland is yielded to King Stanislaus, he will conclude no Treaty of Peace with his Enemies, tho' they should offer to restore to him all the Conquests they have made during the present War.

Hamburgh, August 18. *N. S.* The Elector of Hanover has forbid all Commerce between his Dominions and this City, upon account of a Distemper lately broke out here, and it is fear'd that the other neighbouring Princes and States will follow his Example. We have receiv'd advice from Berlin, that Count Schonborn had acquainted the Prussian Ministers with the Emperor's Intention of assembling a Congress at Brunswick, in order to consider of proper Measures for establishing the repose of the Circle of Lower Saxony. He had likewise made the Court some Proposals relating to the War with France, which were not agreed to, and was gone from thence without having been admitted to the King. Most of the Nobility of the Dutchy of Bremen have at last agreed to take the Oath of Allegiance to the King of Denmark. The Danish Artillery was sent from Copenhagen on the 8th, but has since been driven back by contrary Winds. The States of Sweden are to meet at Stockholm on the 29th, and it's thought they will endeavour to put an end to the War, which is very burthensome to the Kingdom, and has occasion'd a general Discontent. The same advices add, that the Senate finding they are in no Condition to succour the Swedish Provinces in Germany for want of Money, had resolv'd to abandon them entirely. King Augustus hath imprison'd the Palatine of Russia, who is suspected to have entertain'd a Correspondence with King Stanislaus his Brother-in-law. Letters from Adrianople of July the 14th bring an account, that the Ottoman Port was very much surpriz'd at the advices they had received, that General Ceremetoff was advanced with a numerous Body of Men towards the Frontiers of Turky. The Grand Signior had sent for the Muscovite Ambassadors, to know of them what was the reason of this sudden March after the conclusion of the Peace. They answer'd, they had not heard of it before, and believ'd if it was so, the General was not yet inform'd that a Peace was made between their Master and the Port.

Hague, August 23. *N. S.* On the 17th the Duke d'Ossuna and the Marquis de Monteleone, Plenipotentiaries of his Catholick Majesty, received an Express from Madrid, with the Ratification of the Treaty of Peace between Great Britain and Spain. The Earl of Strafford has of late been twice in Conference with the Deputies of the States-General, in order to settle the Government of the Low-Countries, and to consider of proper Measures for the better putting in Execution the Act for a Provisional Regulation of Trade, lately signed at Utrecht. His Excellency hath likewise been frequently in Conference with the Spanish and Dutch Plenipotentiaries, in order to adjust the remaining Articles of the Treaty of Peace between his Catholick Majesty and the States-General. Monsieur Berner, Minister of the Administrator of Holstein, hath presented a Memorial to their High Mightinesses, demanding the Execution of their Guarantee of the Treaty of Travendale, and the Conservation of the Neutrality of that Dutchy, and particularly that the King of Denmark might be obliged to raise the Blockade of Tonningen. We have received